H-Bomb Hunt Shifted To Spain From the Sea

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PALOMARES, Spain, Feb. 19 The sea hunt by the two midget submarines Aluminaut and Alvin for America's lost H-bomb has failed to retrieve the 20-megaton warhead.

Now there are fears that the missing bomb may not have fallen into the Mediterranean offshore from this impoverished village on Spain's southeast coast after all.

Indications are that it has landed somewhere on land as did three other nuclear bombs aboard the crashed B-52 Strategic Air Command bomber 32 days ago.

As the sea hunt by vessels of the U.S. Sixth Fleet fizzled out today, the search on land reached a new feverish pitch. Troops were out combing a vast area that extended as far as 12 miles down the coast to Carboneras, two miles inland, and north along the mountain range towards Aguilas.